

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 409
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Jack and Kathryn Tickle on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1945, Kathryn Rebich and Louis "Jack" Tickle were joined in holy matrimony in Dyersburg, Tennessee, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Tickle have been highly respected citizens of Shelby County for the entirety of their life together; they are the very epitome of good neighbors in the Millington community, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Mr. Tickle began working as a mechanic with Chicago Southern Airlines, which later became Delta Airlines; he would use his mechanical ingenuity and expertise to build one of the first Smart Houses in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, Mr. Tickle began his professional career in earnest, specializing in insurance and real estate; and

WHEREAS, between 1949-1965, Mr. Tickle became an instrumental force in the development of housing in Memphis, Shelby County and the surrounding region; the fine housing developments for which he was responsible during this time include Haynes Oaks, Colony Park, the second phase of Elmore Park, and the Chester subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tickle was a valuable employee of Sears & Roebuck from 1946-1956, before serving astutely as her husband's bookkeeper from 1949-1965; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Tapp Enterprises was formed and Mr. Tickle was quickly tapped for the important role of Vice President in charge of all construction; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, the Tickle family moved to Millington, and Mr. Tickle began building the Anchorage Apartments; in 1969, Mrs. Tickle became Manager of those apartments; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, history repeated itself as Mr. Tickle built the Hiawasse Apartments and Mrs. Tickle managed the apartments; and

WHEREAS, between 1972-1974, Mr. Tickle built the Raleigh Springs Apartments and the Commodore Apartments, both of which were jointly owned and managed by Mr. and Mrs. Tickle; and

WHEREAS, from 1972-1982, Mr. Tickle was a General Partner in Cloverhaven Mobile Home Park and was active in the development of the Woodmere subdivision in Millington and Rosemark Estates in Atoka; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Mr. Tickle was a principal in securing a charter for Tennessee Bank and Trust; he has served as a valuable member of the bank's Board of Directors since its founding; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of compassion and social conscience, Mr. Tickle was instrumental in the construction of a 60-bed nursing home and a 35-bed assisted living facility named Easley Place in 1993; and

WHEREAS, never one to rest on past laurels, this consummate professional is presently involved in the development of housing in the Millington, Woodstock and Rosemark areas, and in the Fox Run subdivision, the Partridge Ridge subdivision, and the Big Creek Church subdivision; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in the affairs of their community, the Tickle family are members of the Millington Chamber of Commerce and are charter members of the Millington Exchange Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Tickle express their faith as active members of the First United Methodist Church of Millington; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Mr. Tickle enjoys boating, swimming, and playing cards and video games; Mrs. Tickle also enjoys boating, but otherwise prefers movies, playing Solitaire, and her active membership in the Rosemark Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, the Tickles are the loving parents of five children: Ronnie, Kookie, and David, (each of whom is active in the building and management of Jack Tickle and Company) Diane, and Jimmie; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Kathryn Tickle are also the proud grandparents of twelve: Kelley, Kris, Kristina, Jill, Catherine, Shay, Zachary, Lacy, Bennett, Candace, Brett, and Blake; and the great grandparents of five: Jessica, Whit, Skylar, Caitlin, and Gavin; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Tickles' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jack and Kathryn Tickle on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.